Bible & Daily Living

A difference Christ makes

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The Difference Christ Makes
Lesson for May 24, 1981
Bible Study Passages: Hebrews 9:11-15, 24-28

Introduction

Life is a smorgasbord from which we must pick and choose. Even in the 'realm of religion there are endless varieties of religious bodies and expressions. How are we to choose from among these? Which expression is the best? How do we know if we've chosen correctly?

Choosing a church is something like shopping for a pair of shoes, that is, you look around until you find one that comfortably fits your needs. The important issue, however, is that Christ is supremely presented in meaningful and helpful ways. He does make the difference!

When Christ entered the world everything took on a radically new image. When Christ entered the human stage the human drama took on new meaning. When Christ enters the individual all of life is viewed from new eyes.

The Old Law Replaced [Hebrews 9:11-14]

When Christ came he fulfilled the old law with his living presence. He brought forth a new covenant not written in stone but upon human hearts. Christ represented all that was good. His appearance eradicates death, sin, and distinctions between races, classes, men and women. All are one in Christ.

Hebrews reveals that Christ instituted and represented a new tabernacle "not made with hands." He came as a representative of the heavenly Cathedral and offered himself and his life blood on the altar of human need. The blood that Christ shed was for the cleansing and forgiveness of sins. By his death we are free to serve the "living God."

A New Covenant [Hebrews 9:15-23]

The terms "covenant" and "testament" may be used interchangably. A covenant is basically a means of describing the relationship between God and man. Marriages are better when they are built upon the notion of covenant rather than contract.

The early covenant was based upon keeping the laws. If a person broke the law he or she was made the covenant relationship between God and man. When we enter the new covenant we are cleansed once and for all of our sins. In essence, we are made acceptable to God by the atoning sacrifice of Christ.

While all of this sounds complicated, the simple truth is apparent, namely, in Christ we are freed of guilt and sins and are "new creations." This newly found freedom gives meaning to this life and to the notion of life in the future. And most importantly, the new covenant enables us to have and enjoy fellowship with God. No longer are we estranged from God, for in Christ we become God's friend.

A New Tabernacle [Hebrews 9:24-28]

The history behind the old tabernacle is interesting. The high priest made the atoning sacrifice by entering into holy of holies once a year. Each year the priest offered a sacrifice to atone for his sins and the sins of the people.

Hebrews emphasizes the fact that Christ entered heaven itself and made possible an ultimate and once-for-all sacrifice for the people. His death upon the cross was an event that would never need to be repeated again.

A house may need to be rebuilt. A highway will need occasional repair. A surgery may need to be done again if it does not work the first time. Unlike these illustrations, the sacrificial act of Christ must never be repeated again.

The significance of Christ is seen in his final act of redemption. It is further demonstrated in his future return. Christ dies and rises and will come again. We as Christians can never lose touch with the hope of Christ's return as the one who will make all things right. Christ does make a difference!

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TOP WINNERS IN THE American Cancer Society's "Frank C. Chuchek Memorial Skate" were honored in an awards ceremony Wednesday at the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad building. Shown in the above photo are (from left) Front row – Micki Wells, fourth runnerup in funds collected; Brit Herncall, eighth runnerup in funds collected; Robbie Coleman, fifth runnerup; Back row – Marvin House who presented an award on behalf of Central Fidelity Bank to Carolyn Chandler, standing beside him, who was the second overall top winner; Jason Justis, the third overall runnerup who received an award from Farmers National Bank; Jennifer Coleman, the overall winner who received an award from Mike Weiss, standing far right, on behalf of American federal Savings and Loan; and between Miss Coleman and Mr. Weiss, Norma Chuchek, wife of the late Frank Chuchek, who presented awards to the runnersup. Runnersup Lisa and Brent Harrison, tied for ninth place, were unable to attends the awards ceremony, as was Mr. Bill Hunter of Farmers Bank. A total of $972 was raised in the Memorial Skate.

Springfield news

The fifth annual Family Day Celebration will be held at Springfield Baptist Church, Appomattox, May 24, 1981, beginning at 11:00 a.m., dinner 1:30 to 2:45, afternoon service 3:00 p.m. Speaker for the day will be Rev. Blackmon and his choir from Baltimore, Md. Everyone is cordially invited.

TONY CLIFTON of WYYX, Radio in Appomattox was honored at the awards ceremony Wednesday for the work on the Cancer Society Radio Thon, whichf raised $396.59. With Clifton are Mrs. Dan Coleman, Mrs. Frank Chuchek, and Mrs. Ray Noble.

The Pastor Speaks

I shall not want

Subject: I Shall Not Want
By REV. WILLIAMS

Our wants are determined as much by our values as by our needs. Needs vary as our values change. So-called needs are far more numerous today than they were a generation ago because our standards of living have changed. A similar relationship can also be true with our spiritual needs. The Psalmist in the twenty third division of the Psalms looked at the security of the sheep and anaylzed the factors of his own dependency relationship. At every point, food, shelter, security, and care, the shepherd made adequate provision and the sheep were satisfied. The Psalmist looked toward God for a similar relationship, regarding him as the source of the values that determined his own consciousness of need.

We move a long step toward security when we are able to separate our true needs from our false desires. We waste much life and energy seeking what is futile, whereas an investment of self in God's will so clarifies our values that often those things which once seemed essential are no longer even desirable.

Much that happens to us in life can be handled more adequately if we see them in the proper context. The proper insight can often turn spiritual want into spiritual opportunity. This attitude is especially effective when we have a faith large enough to keep our fears under control. The Psalmist does not indicate that all of life is the green pasture, he is also aware of the valley of the shadow of death, but for him even this is not evil. It is rather a part of the total plan of God. When his faith is well established, his fears diminish. Many of our wants are directly related to our fears, the fears of false pride, the fears of insecurity, the fears of death. But these will become incidental to a larger pattern when you are able to relax in adult dependency, sure that underneath are the everlasting arms of one who is quite able to handle life with you.

St. Anne's slates event

Circle June 13 on your calendar to attend a bridge luncheon hosted by St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Play will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by a gourmet lunch and more play. Prizes for each table will be awarded in addition to a door prize. Call your friends now for a lovely afternoon of entertainment.

Reservations can be made by calling 352-2286, 352-8738 or 352-5268.

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Mrs. Warren Wilkes is guest of Concord Club

The Concord Garden Club was quite privileged to have Mrs. Warren Wilkes of Staunton River Garden Club, Altavista, speak to them at the May meeting. The meeting was in the home of Mrs. Emma Mae Braund and Mrs. J. W. Pratt was co-hostess. Mrs. Pratt had devotions using a scripture, a poesm, "Giving", and closed with the club's "Garden Prayer."

Ms. Wilkes used as her subject "Conservation" and we were made aware that conservation is much more inclusive than just "energy" that we hear so much about today and human energy is very important to good living. "Our lives are like suitcases; some can have more packed in than others!" She used the poem "Slow Me Down, Lord."

Our club wishes to urge people to save the newspapers, tie them in bundles, and get them to some collection station. Save all things that can be recycled.

Results of the days judging: **House Plants:** Mrs. James Hammond-3blues-Beef Steak Begonia, Begonia (Semperflo-ven) and African Violet (Blue Fairy); Mrs. J. W. Pratt-Blue-Dwarf Cactus; Mrs. M. M. Roberts-Blue-Strawberry Plant; Mrs. Donald Johnston-Blue-Fluffy-Duffles Fern; Mrs. Charles F. Jones-African Violet (coronation)-Blue; Mrs. James F. Mackenzie-Blue-Cactus and green and white Wandering Jew. **Arrangements**-"Exhibitor's Choice"-Mrs. J. W. Pratt-Red; (Pansies)-Mrs. Emma Mae Braund-Red. **Specimen:** Iris-"Blue Saphire"-Red-Mrs. Emma Mae Braund; Hybrid Rhododendron-Bl u e, Mrs. J. W. Pratt, Peace Rose(yellow)-Blue and Peony-Blue- Mrs. C. "Ray" Carson.

Guests of the club for the meeting were Mrs. William Robinson of Charlotte, N. C. and Mrs. Theodore Carson of Concord.

The next meeting is to be June 8 in the home of Mrs. Charles F. Jones with Mrs. Kelly Webb as co-hostess at 9:45 a.m.

David Brown and Caroline Ann Smith

Miss Smith, Mr. Brown to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Smith of Pittsford, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Ann Smith to David Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brown of Cochocton, New York.

Miss Smith, the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith of Appomattox is a graduate of Russell Sage College. Mr. Brown is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Engineering is employed by Computer Design and Applications, Newton, Mass.

The wedding will be an event of June 6.

Miss Nancy Mae Goin

Miss Goin, Mr. Wingo to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bert Goin of Appomattox proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Mae, to Mr. Carter Wilson Wingo of Pamplin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Wingo of Jetersville.

Miss Goin is a 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School. Mr. Wingo is a 1972 graduate of Amelia County High School.

The wedding will take place at Liberty Baptist Church on June 20 at 8 p.m.

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Mrs. George Daniel Stratton

Meadows-Stratton wedding held

The marriage of Miss Darlene Wanda Meadows to George Daniel Stratton took place on Saturday evening, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Flat Creek Baptist Church in Lynchburg.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Carolyn G. Meadows and Mr. Ramsey Meadows of Lynchburg. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Marshall Stratton of Concord.

The Rev. David Brooks of Flat Creek Baptist Church performed the double ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with palms, candelabra, and arrangements of a mixture of white gladiolus, carnations and pom-poms.

A program of nuptial music was provided by Mrs. Olden Drinkard, organist. Mr. James Denton, soloist, sang, "You Needled Me" and "The Wedding Prayer." Mr. Denton and his wife, Mrs. Sandra Denton sang "That's The Way."

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a gown of snowy white polyester nylon with Rachele lace trim. The high neckline was trimmed with lace insert with chiffon embroidery. The bodice was accented with lace and seed pearls; the ruffled back and front was trimmed with Rachele lace. The gown had a high empire-fitted waistline, also trimmed with lace and the long bishop sleeves were gathered to a wide lace cuff. The full gathered skirt had wide double ruffle trim, edged with Rachele lace, with lace panels down the sides of the front. The full skirt ended in a chapel train.

The matching veil with Camelot headpiece had a two tier veil edged in Rachele lace with motifs of lace and seed pearls. The bride carried a nosegay of white roses, miniature carnations, button pom-poms, status, and baby's breath.

Miss Cindy Tweedy of Concord was maid of honor. She wore a blue floor length gown of polyester fashioned with a high waist and a short jacket over the bodice of blue printed chiffon with long sleeves. She carried a nosegay of miniature carnations, button pom-poms, status and baby's breath which were coordinated with the colors of her dress.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Kathy H. McBride, of White Oak, West Virginia, Mrs. Sharon P. Lester of Forest, and Mrs. Debbie M. Maddox of Lynchburg, friends of the bride. Their dresses were identical to that of the honor attendant and they carried similar bouquets.

E. M. Stratton was his son's best man. Ushers were Bradley E. Bodell, of Ottumwa, Iowa, a friend of the groom; Rex Meadows and Dwight Meadows, brothers of the bride.

Hope Coleman of Lynchburg was flower girl, and Rob Stratton, nephew of the groom was ring bearer.

The mother of the bride wore a pink floor length gown with a corsage of pink roses and baby's breath.

The mother of the groom wore a flowered green print floor length gown of chiffon over a pale green undersikrt with a corsage of white roses and baby's breath.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church social hall.

The bride is a graduate of Rustburg High School and Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed by the Lynchburg General Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and is employed by Robinson's Funeral Home in Appomattox.

After a wedding trip to the Poono Mountains, the couple will live in Appomattox.

Miss Perrow honored

Miss Jeanne Marie Nash and Mrs. Curtis DeMuth were hostesses for a luncheon on Saturday, May 16 honoring Miss Susan K. Perrow. The luncheon, of bridal appointment, was served buffet style on the patio of the Nash home.

Miss Perrow, whose forthcoming marriage to Mitchell Elder will be an event of May 23 at seven o'clock in the evening at the Fairview Christian Church in Lynchburg, was presented a corsage and a gift of china.

Guests attending included members of the wedding party, mothers of the bride and groom-elect, grandmother and great-grandmother of the bride, friends and relatives of the couple.

Miss Perrow is the great granddaughter of Mrs. E. E. DeJarnette and the dauchter of Mrs. Cecil C. Perrow and the late Mr. Perrow of Lynchburg.

Mr. Elder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Elder of Lynchburg.

Guests attend wedding

Out-of-state guests attending the Stratton-Meadows wedding May 16, 1981, at Flat Creek Baptist Church, Lynchburg, included Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Bodell of Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neff, of Summerfield, Ohio; Debbie Ernst and Duane Long of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Thompson, Clifton Thompson, Laura T. Handy, and Sandra Chambers of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Kathy Thompson and Ellen Thompson of Chapel Hill, N. C., Pam Brinkley, Hazel Browning, and Mary Short, of Burlington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniel of Richmond, Va. and Edith Rivenbark of Hampton, Va. also attended the ceremony, as well as friends from Roanoke, Altavista, Gretna, Concord, and Appomattox.

Miss Ferguson honored

The second in a series of bridal parties for Miss Rita Ferguson was held Saturday, May 2, when Miss Margie Coleman of Gladstone and her mother, Mrs. Edna Coleman, entertained with a shower at New Hope Baptist Church in Vera, Virginia.

Miss Coleman will be maid of honor in the wedding of Miss Ferguson and Marvin Hugh Mitchell of Appomattox, Virginia, which will take place the afternoon of June 6 at 2:00 in the New Hope Baptist Church.

The Appomattox Garden Club will have a dinner meeting on Monday, May 25 at 6:30 in St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Rose Hall. Members are asked to bring either a vegetable or salad of their choice. Every thing else will be provided.

Members are asked to make reservations with Mrs. Reid Shields at 352-7887.

The program will be installation of newly elected officers for 1981-1983 with Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr. hostessing the ceremony of induction.

Chenault, Lair honored

On Saturday evening, May 16, Miss Kay Chenault and Mr. Mathew Lair were entertained with an informal supper party at the home of Mrs. Merle Lawson on Virginia Avenue.

Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Sears, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Webb.

Guests included the parents of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chenault of Appomattox, Major and Mrs. W. W. Wallis of Pamplin, and friends of the honored couple.

The wedding of Miss Chenault and Mr. Lair will take place in August at Liberty Baptist Church.

Nobles honored

Mr. and Mrs. William Noble were guests of honor at a dinner given Friday evening, May 15. The event was held in the home of Sam and Virginia Doss.

A pink and blue shower was held at the same time in celebration and anticipation of the coming event of their first child.

Approximately 20 persons attended.

Miss Ferguson honored

Miss Rita Ferguson, whose marriage to Marvin Hugh Mitchell will take place in June, was recently honored with a bridal shower. Hostesses for the shower, held in the fellowship hall of New Hope Baptist Church in Appomattox, were Dale Franklin, Audrey Ragland, and Dot Ferguson.

The Mitchell-Ferguson wedding will take place the afternoon of June 6 in New Hope Baptist Church. Although no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives of the couple are expected to attend.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oral Ferguson of Appomattox, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mitchell, also of Appomattox.

Brenda Ann Goin and Melvin Franklin

Miss Goin engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Goin of Appomattox announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Ann to Melvin Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Franklin also of Appomattox.

Brenda Ann is the granddaughter of Mrs. Edna Goin and the late Earnest Goin of Appomattox.

A September wedding is being planned.

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CORRECTION

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet on Thursday night of this week, May 21 at 7:30 at the Appomattox County Library.

Officers for the coming year will be elected, so all members are urged to be present.

Please note correction in place of meeting.

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